

Sales Tax on ATF

4205. SHRI K. RAMHAN KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken to cap the sales tax imposed on ATF (Aviation Turbine Fuel) to 4 per cent by adding turbo-prop aircraft to the list of notified goods to encourage connectivity to remote areas of the country;

(b) if so, what are the airways/airlines which are possessing turbo-prop air crafts in their fleets; and

(c) by when the Central Sales Tax Act, 1956 is likely to be amended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes Sir. it is proposed to declare ATF provide to turbo-prop aircrafts as goods of special importance in inter-State trade or commerce.

(b) The list of airways/airlines possessing turbo-prop aircraft in their fleet is enclosed as Statement (See below).

(c) The proposal has been included in the Finance Bill, 2001.

Statement*List of Airways/Airlines operating Turbo-Prop Aircraft in their fleet*

Sl. No.	Airlines
1.	Indian Airlines Ltd. (Shorthaul Division)
2.	Jet Airways
3.	Airworks India
4.	East India Hotel
5.	Jagson Airlines
6.	JK Corp.
7.	Mesco Airlines

Sl. No.	Airlines
8.	UP Airways
9.	Span Air
10.	Trans Bharat Aviation
11.	Century Textiles and Industries Ltd.
12.	Vidyut Travel Services

New loan scheme of Housing Development Finance Corporation

4206. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) has introduced any new loan scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any such scheme is being introduced in the cyclone affected areas of Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) has informed that they periodically introduce new loan schemes as and when required in accordance with the prevailing market conditions, in response to customer requirements and needs and as stipulated by the National Housing Bank (NHB). Some of the new loan schemes/products introduced by HDFC during FY 2000-01 include:

(i) considering Persons of India Origin (PIOs) for housing finance for acquisition of a residential accommodation; and

(ii) Loans under the Corporate Employees Group Financing Arrangement (CEFA) for purchase, construction, extension and home conversion loans.

(c) HDFC has informed that they, in collaboration with KFW, a German development bank, have structured 3 rehabilitation schemes towards housing, livelihood and community infrastructure projects in the cyclone affected areas of Orissa. These schemes specifically target the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) households in rural Orissa.

Out of a total sanction amount of Rs. 16.45 crore towards the